Variegated Dwarf Umbrella Plant

Cyperus albostriatus 'Variegatus'



Variegated Dwarf Umbrella Plant
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Description:

This is a highly adaptable dwarf groundcover variety, producing slender green stems with green bracts striped with white; perfect for pond side planting or in wet areas of the garden; doesn't mind being submerged at the base

Ornamental Features

Variegated Dwarf Umbrella Plant's attractive grassy leaves remain green in color with prominent white stripes throughout the season on a plant with a spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Dwarf Umbrella Plant is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated Dwarf Umbrella Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Water Gardens
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens

Planting & Growing

Variegated Dwarf Umbrella Plant will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Variegated Dwarf Umbrella Plant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.